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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-18.

Please add the following new claims:

(New) A liquid-crystalline composition comprising:

A) a liquid-crystalline mixture comprising

A1) 44-99.5% by weight based on the total amount of component A) of at

least one compound of the formula Ia

$$Z^{1}-Y^{1}-A^{1}-Y^{3}-M^{1}-Y^{4}-A^{2}-Y^{2}-Z^{2}$$

Ia,

and at least one compound of the formula Ib

$$Z^{3}-Y^{5}-A^{3}-Y^{7}-M^{2}$$
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Ib,

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Transmitted herewith is an Preliminary Amendment w/Marked-Up Copy in the above-identified application.

- □ No additional fee is required
- □ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- □ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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		□ Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
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